

1998 Lightning Fatalities

There were 44 lightning fatalities in 1998, 2 more than in 1997. Florida again earns the unlucky #1 ranking with 8 fatalities (18%). Colorado and Louisiana each had 3 deaths with 8 other states each counting 2 fatalities. Of those who died, 19 were in an open area, 8 under trees and 6 in a boat. Five times as many males (37) were killed than females (7) from lightning. The 20- to 40-year-old age group accounted for 59% of the fatalities.

1998 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
FL	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	8
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IN	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
LA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
MI	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
MN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
NE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NJ	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NY	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OH	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
OK	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TX	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	0	6	3	3	2	0	3	19	0	8	44
PERCENT	0	14	7	7	5	0	7	43	0	18	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

1998 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	1	1	0	2	5
10 TO 19	1	3	0	4	9
20 TO 29	1	9	0	10	23
30 TO 39	2	14	0	16	36
40 TO 49	0	6	0	6	14
50 TO 59	2	1	0	3	7
60 TO 69	0	2	0	2	5
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	2
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	7	37	0	44	101*
PERCENT	16	84	0	100	

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LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
BO - Boat
CA - Camping
EQ - Nr Hvy Equipment
GF - Golf
IW - In Water
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
TE - At Telephone
UT - Under Tree